

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, March 22, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Room 352 State Capitol

The House and Senate Joint Meeting on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An invocation was given by Reverend Robert Dean, State Representative from the 75th District.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

Members absent/excused: None.

Chairman Cushingberry called on Senator Jelenik, Chairman, Senate Appropriations for attendance of the Senate.

There was a quorum present of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Chairman Cushingberry proceeded with the business of the committee with opening remarks to the Joint Committee meeting.

Representative Hammel made a motion to receive Executive Order Number 2007-3.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 30-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Senator Jelinek, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee for the Senate vote to receive Executive Order 2007-3. By unanimous approval the Senate Appropriations Committee received Executive Order Number 2007-3 .

Chairman Cushingberry offered discussion and remarks on the State Budget.

Questions and discussion continued by the Members.

There being no further business to come before the Appropriations Committees the meeting was adjourned, the time being 3:15 pm.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
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Wednesday, March 22, 2007

3:30 p.m.

Room 352 State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair,
Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Sak moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 7, 2007.
Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry made a statement that HB 4530 on the agenda replaces HB 4511.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the committee HB 4512 and HB 4530.

HB 4512	Gonzales	Retirement; state employees; actuarial liability contribution; modify.
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HB 4530	Gonzales	Retirement; public school employees; actuarial liability contribution; modify.
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Representative Gonzales offered opening remarks on the bills.

Phillip Stoddard, Director of Retirement Services, Department of Management and Budget, was there to answer questions for the members.

Representative Gonzales moved to report HB 4512 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 30-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Gonzales moved to report HB 4530 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 30-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS : None.

Chairman Cushingberry placed HB 4185 before the committee.

HB 4185 Cushingberry Health facilities; other; revisions regarding hospital and nursing home quality assurance assessments and increase in hospital assessment; provide for.

Bill Fairgrieve from the House Fiscal Agency explained the bill to the committee.

Representative Gonzales offered amendments to the bill.

1. Amend page 7, line 10, after "October 1," by striking out "2007" and inserting **"2008"**.
2. Amend page 8, line 24, after "In" by inserting **"EACH"**.
3. Amend page 8, line 24, after "fiscal" by striking out **"YEARS 2005-2006 AND 2006-2007"** and inserting "year".

Representative McDowell moved that the amendments to the bill be adopted by the Committee.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-12-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi.

NAYS: Representatives Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

PASS: None.

Representative Caswell offered the following amendment to HB 4185.

1. Amend page 11, line 7, after “**FISCAL**” by striking out the balance of the line and inserting “**YEAR 2006-2007,**”.

Representative Caswell moved that the amendment to the bill be adopted by the Committee.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 12-18-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi.

PASS: None.

Representative McDowell moved to report HB 4185 with recommendation as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed 18-12-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi.

NAYS: Representatives Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry offered discussion on the state budget.

Chairman Cushingberry announced a change to the meeting times of the Appropriations meetings scheduled for March 27, and March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or after Session in order for subcommittees to meet.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting the time being 4:00 pm.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair_____

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994